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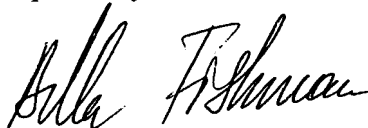
This patent application is submitted for filing in the US PTO claiming the priority date of October 8, 2003 of provisional Australian application, which were filed on October 6, 2004 as the international application PCT/AU2004/001357.

The dependent claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice. The limitation of the canceled claim has been introduced to claims 1,2, 4, 5 and 6 to precisely define the subject of the present invention, and more particular the "rod electrode" as disclosed in the specification and shown in the drawings.

The dependent claims 4 and 6 of have been amended to avoid multiple dependency. Amended claims, 4 and 6 are dependent on claim 1 exclusively. The claims of the subject invention as amended are clearly defined the invention, which is distinguishable form the prior art reference cited in the Supplemental Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

Consideration of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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